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Norman Haslem
Ziegler Chemical & Mineral Corporation
Star Route
Little Bonanza
Vernal, Utah 84078

Re: Permit Review Status, Ziegler Gilsonite Operations Mine, M/047/013, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Haslem:

On January 20, 1998, the Division received Ziegler Chemical and Mineral Corporation's revision/amendment for the Ziegler Gilsonite Operations. Due to a backlog of other permit reviews, the Division has not been able to complete a review of this plan within the usual 30-day timeframe. We apologize for the delay and any inconvenience this may cause you.

We hope to complete our review of your application within the next 45 days. We appreciate your patience and understanding in this regard. Please contact me if you have questions or concerns with this proposed review schedule.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Wayne Hedberg".

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Regulatory Program

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